Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I shall supply the answer within a day or two. The person is here. May I postpone the answering of the question till to-morrow?

Mr. President: Yes.

UPLIFT DEPARTMENT—DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1116

55. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the establishment charges (pay and allowance), tour charges, travelling allowance of officers of the Department for the Uplift of the Depressed Classes as per the revised budget for 1116;

(*b*) what is the remaining sum allotted under "Uplift, Social and Economic," as per the revised budget for 1116;

(*c*) what is according to the revised budget for 1116 the amount allotted under "Uplift-Educational";

(*d*) whether the supply of school requisites, cloths, disbursement of stipends and scholarships to the depressed class pupils done through the respective managers and head-masters of schools in which such pupils are attending?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

		Rs.
(*a*)	Establishment charges (Non-votable) ..	2,027
	Establishment charges (votable) ..	4,530
	Temporary Establishment (votable) ..	677
	T. A. Ordinary	1,100
	Do. Consolidated	1,164
	Tour charges	42

(*b*) Rs. 15,304.

(*c*) Rs. 45,366.

(*d*) Yes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether the amounts set apart for educational purposes in the Uplift budget are being actually expended through the officers or the Head-masters of the various educational institutions.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes, through the Head-masters.

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Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)* : The establishment charges to run this department which has directly to disburse only Rs. 15,000 and odd cost the Government Rs. 9,540 and the educational concessions and other scholarships are being actually disbursed by the officers of the Education Department, the Protector's Department doing the duty of a post-office only.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: No increase of the staff has been effected in these two years, and the complaint is that the staff is insufficient to the department. In spite of repeated requests, we never allow increase of staff. Though the amount is small, it is distributed all over the State. Of this Rs. 45,366, the whole amount is not given to the Head-masters. Only the stipend is given. The clothes and other things are distributed by the Department.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: The clothes and other things are also being actually supplied through the Head-masters.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: But it must be inspected to know whether these are properly given so that there may not be any complaint. That is the position. I may assure the House that I have not increased the staff.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura)*: Do the Government think that there is any scope for retrenchment of the establishment charges ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The complaint is always that they cannot do the work properly for want of staff. That has been the complaint. I am told that such requests have been refused not only in this department but in all departments.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura)*: Is there any scope for maintaining a separate department for this purpose ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)* : I think, there is scope for a separate Department. But added on to some other department, the work turned out may not be very satisfactory. Personal attention will not be bestowed to the extent to which it will be bestowed if it were a separate department. There is no doubt about that. The work is on the increase.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda)*: With regard to the inspection of the schools, are there not Deputy Inspectors and Inspectors to look after this ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: They are already inspecting. But you cannot ask them to do detailed work. They have got enough and more of work. The Director himself feels the necessity for additional hands.

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